versions) under article 151(1) of the Constitution:—

(i) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended the 31st March, 1990 (No. 1 of 1991)—Union Government—Civil.

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(ii) Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended the 31st March, 1990 (No. 8 of 1991)—Union Government—Defence Services (Army and Ordnance Factories).

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(2) A copy of the Union Government Appropriation Accounts (Civil) for the year 1989-90 (Hindi and English versions).

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(3) A copy of the Union Government Finance Accounts for the year 1989-90 (Hindi and English versions).

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Detailed Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Rural Development for 1991-92

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Detailed Demands for Grants (Hindi and English versions) of the Ministry of Rural Development for 1991-92.

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Policy Measures re: Village Enterprises

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Policy measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises (Hindi and English versions).

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[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Let me amend what I have just now said. Mr. Shankaranand wants to give a happy news to the House and I am allowing him to do so.

12.45 hrs.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Recent Discoveries of Oil and Gas by ONGC

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): Sir, I have great plesure in informing the house of some recent discoveries of oil and gas by ONGC. Oil has been struck in the exploratory well, RBC-1, in the Ratnagiri Sector of Bombay offshore. The well is located 100 km. southwest of Bombay.

The exploratory well, RBC-1, located in a water depth of 61 m was spudded on 28-4-1991 with the jack up rig, EXPLORER and drilled upto 3425.5 m depth in basement. Object-III tested in the interval of 1998-1991 m has produced oil at 1685 barrels per day through 1/2"choke and at 2177 barrels per day through 5/8" choke. The oil has an API gravity of 42.7 and a GOR of 114 V/V. The Hydrogen Sulphate (H_2S) content varies from 12000 to 19000 ppm. Production testing of the zone started on 29-7-1991. The producing interval forms the lower part of the Bassein Limestone which is the main oil and gas bearing zone in Heera, Panna, Ratna, Bassein and other fields in Bombay offshore. Oil indications have been obtained in some other layers also from this well.

The presence of oil in the well RBC 1, which is 2.5 km. north of oil bearing structure R-13 indicates the possibility that these two structures may merge into a bigger oil pool with an aerial extent of the order of 20 sq.km. This is to be ascertained by drilling a few more wells.

I would also like to inform the House that Gas has been discovered in two structures in the Krishna-Godavari Basin in Andhra Pradesh. Exploratory wells at Penumadam and Bandamurlanka have on testing produced gas in commercial quantities.

Penumadam-I well situated 18 kms. North East of Narasapur Town, was spudded on 26-2-1991 and drilled to a depth of 3000 mtrs. During testing in the intervals of 2477—2471 mtrs and 2466—2462 mtrs. with 20/60" choke, gas flowed at the rate of 2,13,348 m^3/day. The well also produced 54 barrels of condensate per day.

The Banda-murlanka N-1 well lies 10 kms. south of Amalapuram. This well was spudded on 14-12-1990 and was drilled to a depth of 3531 mtrs. During testing in the interval of 3138-3135 mtrs. with 10/64" choke, gas flowed at the rate of 27,036 m^3/day. The well also produced 203 barrels of condensate per day.

In both wells, further testing is in progress to ascertain other reservoir characteristics.

12.47 hrs.

MESSAGE FROM RAJYA SABHA

[*English*]

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I have to report the following message received from the Secretary-General of Rajya Sabha:—

"In accordance with the provisions of rule 111 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha, I am directed to enclose a copy of the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 1991, which has been passed by the Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 5th August, 1991."